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## MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION SCHEDULES LOW-WATER INSPECTION TRIP

VICKSBURG, Miss., August 3, 2000 -- Members of the Mississippi River Commission will conduct their annual "low-water" inspection trip on the Mississippi River, August 14 - August 25, 2000.

Seven public meetings have been scheduled aboard the Motor Vessel MISSISSIPPI in selected towns along the river, allowing Commission members to keep in touch with local citizens and get first-hand feedback from residents. The meeting places, dates and times are as follows:

- August 14 9:00 a.m. Wabasha, Minn., at Wabasha Landing
- August 16 1:30 p.m. Burlington, Iowa, at City Landing
- August 17 6:00 p.m. St. Louis, Mo., at City Front
- August 21 8:30 a.m. Tiptonville, Tenn., at Old Ferry Landing
- August 22 8:30 a.m. West Memphis, Ark., at Tom Sawyer  
Mississippi River RV Park
- August 23 3:00 p.m. Natchez, Miss., at Fulton Street/Steve  
Stevens Landing
- August 25 8:30 a.m. Morgan City, La., at City Front

All meetings will be open to the public. The agenda for each public meeting will be as follows:

1. The President of the Commission will present a summary of national and regional issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission programs and projects on the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

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2. The District Commander will present an overview of current project issues in the respective district area.

3. Local organizations and any members of the public will have an opportunity to make presentations or offer views or comments on any issue affecting programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps.

The MRC, organized in 1879, is composed of seven members, each nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate. Three of the organization's members are officers of the Corps of Engineers; one member is from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and three members are civilians, two of whom are civil engineers.

General duties of the Commission include recommending policy and work programs, studying and reporting on the necessity for modifications or additions to the flood control and navigation project, recommending matters authorized by law, and making bi-annual inspection trips. The duties of the Commission, as established in 1879, included the entire length of the Mississippi River from its headwaters to Head of Passes.

The purpose of the public meetings is to keep an open dialogue with the public. Presentations by the public are made orally, but a copy of the remarks should be presented to the Commission for the official record.